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PHASE II REPORT

REF: A. USNATO 6980; B. STATE 279168; C. USNATO 7078;
D. USNATO 7120

1. WE AGREE WITH MISSION'S VIEWS STATED IN REF A,
PARA 4 THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO DROP THE NPG
REPORT TO THE NDAC.

2. IN VIEW OF ALLIED REACTION, AS REPORTED IN
REFS C AND D, TO OUR PROPOSAL TO HOLD THE FIRST
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MEETING OF THE FULL STUDY PANEL OF THE NPG TECHNOLOGY

STUDY TEAM ON FEBRUARY 6-7, 1975, YOU SHOULD INFORM STUDY PARTICIPANTS WE CAN AGREE TO HOLD, DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20, 1975, THE FIRST MEETING OF THE FULL STUDY PANEL OF THE NPG TECHNOLOGY STUDY TEAM, AS WELL AS THE INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF THE PHASE II REPORT BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHASE II STUDY TEAM, THE NPG STAFF GROUP, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM CAPITALS.

3. THE COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING ON WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY THAT WAS MENTIONED IN REF D WILL NOT BE READY JANUARY 20, BUT CERTAIN COMPONENT PARTS OF IT WILL. ONE PART WOULD BE THE WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY BRIEFING PRESENTED BY SECDEF AT THE NPG MEETING LAST JUNE. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PRESENT IT AT FULL STUDY GROUP MEETING, REASONING THAT MOST PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT HAVE HEARD IT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE.

4. WE ARE WORKING ON AN AGENDA AND INTEND TO FORWARD IT SHORTLY. AT PRESENT, WE ENVISION THE FULL STUDY PANEL MEETING TOGETHER THE FIRST MORNING (PERHAPS SPILLING INTO THE AFTERNOON) FOR A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE STUDY REQUIREMENT, DISCUSSION OF SCOPE, METHODOLOGY, TIMING AND NATIONAL PARTICIPATION, AND TO BE BRIEFED ON AND DISCUSS ASPECTS OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGY IN QUESTION. THEN WE SEE THE PANEL DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS TO DETERMINE PARAMETERS THAT WOULD GOVERN THE STUDY OF (1) THE "MILITARY IMPLICATIONS" AND (2) THE "POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS." THE FULL PANEL WOULD BE RECONVENED PERHAPS LATE IN THE MORNING OF THE SECOND DAY TO HEAR THE RESULTS OF THE TWO SUBPANELS AND, FROM THERE, TO LAY OUT THE SPECIFIC SCOPE, ASSUMPTIONS, FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION, TIMING, NATIONAL PARTICIPATION, COORDINATION, WORK PROGRAM, ETC., FOR EACH OF THESE TWO PRINCIPAL EFFORTS. YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS APPROACH WOULD BE WELCOME.

5. THE EARLY TIMING OF THIS MEETING PUTS THE
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AVAILABILITY OF MAJGEN MCAULIFFE IN QUESTION. HOWEVER, IF THE MEETING IS SCHEDULED IN THE FIRST PART OF THAT WEEK, IT IS POSSIBLE HE MAY BE ABLE TO ATTEND AT LEAST ONE DAY. PLEASE ADVISE AS TO POSSIBLE TIMING AND AVAILABILITY OF MISSION PERSONNEL TO CHAIR MEETING IF NECESSARY.

6. IF IT WOULD NOT UNDULY DELAY THE INITIATION

OF THE MEETING OF THE TECHNOLOGY STUDY AND IF IT
WERE CONVENIENT FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PHASE II
STUDY TEAM WE COULD BE PREPARED TO HOLD THE INFORMAL
DISCUSSIONS OF THE PHASE II REPORT ON JANUARY 20 WITH
THE NPG STAFF GROUP AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM CAPITALS.
HOWEVER, WE WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
DISCUSSION OF THE PHASE II REPORT ON THE LAST DAY OF
THE MEETING ON THE TECHNOLOGY STUDY OR THE FOLLOWING
MORNING. YOUR VIEWS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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